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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJ: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: FRG POSITION ON SPC GUIDANCE

REF: USNATO 6578

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH US REPS ON JULY 9, FRG REP (BEHREND) SUMMARIZED MAIN POINTS OF GUIDANCE WHICH FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER RUTH HAS SENT TO FRG EMBASSY, WASHINGTON FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

2. AS SUMMARIZED BY FRG REP, FRG MESSAGE FOR WASHINGTON CONTAINS ALL OF THE POINTS DESCRIBED IN US NATO 6578 AS MADE BY CITRON PLUS ONE FURTHER POINT. THE FURTHER POINT STATES THAT,
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IN THE EVENT WASHINGTON CONSIDERS IT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, THE FRG WOULD BE WILLING TO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE LANGUAGE ON AIR FORCE MANPOWER IN PARA 1 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE WHICH IT WISHES TO DELETE THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: QUOTE BOTH SIDES, AGREEING THAT THE IMMEDIATE PURPOSE OF FURTHER EXCHANGE OF DATA ON THEIR FORCES IS TO CLARIFY THE EXISTING DISCREPANCIES IN THE DATA ALREADY AVAILABLE, WILL PRESENT ON A RECIPROCAL AND PROGRESSIVE

BASIS ADDITIONAL DATA FIRST ON GROUND FORCE MANPOWER AND SUBSEQUENTLY ON AIR FORCE MANPOWER. END TEXT.

3. FRG REP EXPLAINED THAT RUTH'S MAIN MOTIVE IN PROPOSING THE CHANGES ALREADY DESCRIBED BY CITRON TO USNATO REP WAS IN ORDER TO KEEP WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE PROPOSAL WHICH HE, RUTH, HAD MADE TO FORNMIN GENSCHER AND SPECIFICALLY NOT TO MAKE EXPLICIT THE FACTUAL SITUATION, THAT THE STEPS FOR TABLING DATA ON GROUND FORCE MANPOWER THAT RUTH HAD RECOMMENDED TO GENSCHER HAD APPROVED HAD IN PRACTICAL TERMS BEEN DROPPED. RUTH'S STATED OBJECTIVE WAS TO AVOID RETURNING TO GENSCHER FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS THUS DELAYING THE SPC GUIDANCE, WHICH RUTH WANTS TO BE APPROVED BY SPC IN ITS JULY 11 SESSION IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. WE TEND TO ACCEPT BONA FIDES OF THIS EXPLANATION. FRG REP SAID HE HAD EXPLAINED US CONCERNS REFLECTED IN MBFR 382 TO RUTH AND THAT RUTH HAD TOLD BEHRENDTS THAT THE FRG WOULD NOT OBJECT IN THE AHG IF WESTERN NEGOTIATORS, IF ASKED BY THE EAST WHEN THE WEST WILL BE PREPARED TO TABLE DATA ON AIR FORCE MANPOWER, STATED THAT THIS ACTION WOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN SEVERAL WEEKS FOLLOWING TABLING OF ALL GROUND FORCE DATA PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED. HOWEVER RUTH PREFERRED TO AVOID INTRODUCING NEW FOOTNOTE INTO GUIDANCE.

4. FRG REP STATED THAT THE LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY THE FRG REP IN PARA 2 OF THE PROPOSED GUIDANCE, THAT ALLIED NEGOTIATORS SHOULD ALSO STATE THAT QUOTE THEY ARE WILLING UNQUOTE TO EXCHANGE
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DATA ON AIR MANPOWER SHOULD BE INTERPRETED AS MEANING THAT WESTERN NEGOTIATORS QUOTE WERE PREPARED UNQUOTE TO EXCHANGE MANPOWER.

5. ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE, WE RECOMMEND THAT US NATO BE AUTHORIZED; (A) TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED CHANGES AS SUGGESTED BY CITRON IN THE TEXT OF THE GUIDANCE ON THE CONDITION THAT THE FRG AGREES TO THE INCLUSION IN THE 1ST PARA OF THE LANGUAGE ABOVE THAT THE WEST WILL TABLE FIRST ON AIR FORCE MANPOWER AND SUBSEQUENTLY ON GROUND FORCE MANPOWER. (B) TO PROPOSE CHANGING THE LANGUAGE IN PARA 2 FROM THEY ARE WILLING TO QUOTE THEY ARE PREPARED UNQUOTE AS INDICATED ABOVE. (C) IN THE INTERESTS OF RAPID ACTION TO DROP THE IDEA OF A FOOTNOTE IN THE GUIDANCE AUTHORIZING THE AD HOC GROUP TO TELL THE EAST THAT THE WEST WOULD TABLE AIR FORCE DATA WITHIN A MATTER OF WEEKS AND INSTEAD TO STATE BILATERALLY TO CITRON, WITH PARALLEL CONFIRMATION IN WASHINGTON OR BONN TO RUTH, THAT WASHINGTON IS GOING ALONG WITH THE PROPOSED GERMAN CHANGES ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FRG WILL NOT OBJECT IN THE AHG IF WESTERN NEGOTIATORS, IF ASKED BY THE EAST WHEN THE WEST WILL BE PREPARED TO TABLE DATA ON AIR FORCE MANPOWER, STATE THAT THIS ACTION WOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN SEVERAL WEEKS FOLLOWING THE TABLING OF ALL GROUND FORCE

DATA PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED.

6. IF THESE ACTIONS CAN BE TAKEN, WE BELIEVE FRG CHANGES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

DELEGATION URGES FINAL SPC ACTION JULY 11 IF FEASIBLE SINCE WEST CAN MAKE CONSIDERABLY MORE EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION TO EAST IN WEEK OF JULY 11 THAN IN LAST CROWDED WEEK OF ROUND.RESOR

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